

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service  
Commission held at its office in  
Jefferson City on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of  
June, 2016.

In the Matter of )  
Missouri Gas Energy, Inc.'s Filing of Revised Tariffs ) File No. GR-2014-0007  
to Increase its Annual Revenues for Natural Gas )

**ORDER CLOSING FILE**

Issue Date: June 29, 2016

Effective Date: June 29, 2016

The order that resolved this action<sup>1</sup> directed the filing of a report on rate design (“report requirement”):<sup>2</sup>

In addition to the rate design changes recommended herein, the Parties agree within six months of Commission approval of this Stipulation and Agreement to meet on a monthly basis to:

(a) determine the customer usage, billing, financial, demographic and other data necessary to fully explore and present various rate design structures in MGE’s next rate case proceeding, including information that would permit an assessment of the potential impact of such rate design structures on the Company and customers with different usage, cost causation, and demographic characteristics.

(b) work collaboratively to prepare and complete a report for submission to the Commission within 18 months of the completion of the case that will present in as factual and objective a manner as possible the results of the Parties’ analysis regarding the operation and impacts of various rate design structures. Such report may also include individual sections where individual Parties may present their individual recommendations regarding appropriate rate design structures and any other complementary ratemaking mechanisms that Parties believe may be necessary or desirable to implement

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<sup>1</sup> Electronic Filing Information Service (“EFIS”) No. 113 (April 23, 2014) *Order Approving Stipulation and Agreement*.

<sup>2</sup> Electronic Filing Information Service (“EFIS”) No. 140 (May 4, 2016) *Submission of Report*.

various structures. The Company shall have the responsibility to coordinate the preparation of the report.

(c) Parties are free to take whatever position they believe is appropriate in regard to such matters. It is expressly understood that all Parties reserve the right to propose continuation, elimination or modification of the variable component in MGE's next rate case. [<sup>3</sup>]

Despite gathering, sharing, and discussing data as directed, the parties were unable to reach a consensus on rate design. Accordingly, the gas company filed the report alone,<sup>4</sup> but with the express understanding that the other parties could file comments in response. The Commission received responses from Staff,<sup>5</sup> the Office of the Public Counsel,<sup>6</sup> and the Missouri Division of Energy.<sup>7</sup> Therefore, the filing of the report and the responses constitute compliance with the report requirement, and the Commission will close this file.

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<sup>3</sup> EFIS No. 107 (April 11, 2014) *Stipulation and Agreement*, page 4, paragraph 3, incorporated into EFIS No. 113 (April 23, 2014) *Order Approving Stipulation and Agreement*,

<sup>4</sup> EFIS No. 140 (May 4, 2016) *Submission of Report*.

<sup>5</sup> EFIS No. 143 (June 3, 2016) *Staff Response to Laclede's Report on the Operation and Impact of Various Rate Designs* filed by the Office of the Public Counsel.

<sup>6</sup> EFIS No. 144 (June 3, 2016) *Reply to Laclede's Report on the Operation and Impact of Various Rate Designs* filed by the Office of the Public Counsel.

<sup>7</sup> EFIS No. 145 (June 3, 2016) *Division of Energy's Response to Laclede's Report on the Operation and*

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. This file shall close on June 30, 2016.
2. This order shall be effective when issued.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

Hall, Chm., Stoll, Kenney, Rupp, and  
Coleman, CC., concur.

Jordan, Senior Regulatory Law Judge